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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Before the first paragraph in the application please insert the paragraph at Appendix A.

REMARKS

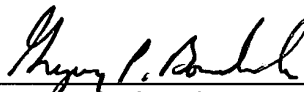
Domestic priority for the above-identified application is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) based on U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/263,408, filed January 23, 2001, which is now pending and on which the above-identified non-provisional application is based.

Entry of this priority claim is earnestly and respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX A

This Application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/263,408, filed January 23, 2001 and titled CAUSTIC ETCHING PROCESS.